

École Rochester Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

WebEx

Call to order at 6:35

Attendance:

Executive: Lucia Sousa, Brenna Biln, Grace Inoue, Jill Robillard, Vanessa Botelho

Other attendees: Cheryl Lloyd, Erica, Sheryl

Agenda:

- Call to order
- Adoption of agenda
- Adoption of previous minutes: October 27
- Chair's welcome
- Principal's message
- Treasurer update
 - Gaming funds – up to \$1000 for outdoor sensory pathway
 - Pancakes – up to \$750 for Community pancake breakfast
- DPAC update
- Grade 5 leaving committee update
- Fundraising update – 10 min
 - Purdy's dates
 - Poinsettias
 - Neufeld: book for Easter (book in Jan)
 - Produce box
 - Hockey night
- New business

Adoption of agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda. Moved: Lucia, Second: Grace, carried.

Adoption of previous minutes

- Motion to adopt the minutes from the October 27 meeting. Moved: Lucia, Second: Jill, carried.

Co-chair's welcome

- Lucia welcomed people to the PAC meeting.

Principal's message

- SD43 has an Action Plan for Learning (APL) for all schools, which has 3 levels:

- Intellectual Development – Rochester focus is numeracy
- Human development
- Indigenous peoples and Indigenous learning
- APL discussed at last staff meeting. Rochester is in good position.
- A school store to purchase Rochester wear will open soon, after gr. 5 hoodies are done. Would like to do a store next year, but earlier.
- Readathon planned for maybe February.
- Rochester Terry Fox run will be in spring. Would like to do a bulk T-shirt reflecting his Métis heritage purchase for this.
- Indigenous Committee would like to do a purchase for orange T-shirts so people have them in September.
- All of the classes practicing for concert, which is like the Superbowl of elementary schools. Each class is participating and will perform on stage with one or two classes watching (separated). School has a joyous feel. The librarian will put it together to send to families.
- Rochester is currently fundraising for flood relief and Share
- Report cards are going home to families on Thursday to families.

Treasurer's update

- Budget format was updated.
 - Fundraising goal met for Purdy's and another small bonus is coming. Growing smiles payment will come in January. Produce boxes amount raised is 506 for produce for both dates. Nothing changed in gr. 5.
 - Gaming funds – motion to use up to \$1000 from Gaming funds for an outdoor sensory pathway. Moved: Brenna, Second: Lucia, carried
 - Pancakes – motion to use up to \$750 from Gaming funds for a community pancake breakfast. If we can't use Gaming funds, we would take from regular budget. Motion: Lucia, Second: Brenna, carried.
 - Giovana will take pictures at pancake breakfast.

DPAC update

- Last meeting was geared to high school and kids going to go to high school: difficult teens, picking a high school.
- A speaker will be coming to the next DPAC meeting

Grade 5 leaving committee update

- The Centennial bus secured which saves \$1,000 over an outside charter.
- Sasamat has been reserved, the deposit is due in January.
- Hoodies were supposed to be finished before the break, but won't be ready until mid-January due to trouble sourcing (supply chain issues). Erica to contact Brenna and Diana (School Secretary) to manage payments.
- The committee is planning for a donut sale fundraiser.

Fundraising update

Purdy's dates

- Everyone got their Purdy's. Lucia reported this was a difficult fundraiser this time (website, customer service, delivery issues). We will not be doing a Purdy's fundraiser for Spring doing for spring.
- If someone else wants to run this fundraiser, that is an option.
- Lucia is open to running a chocolate fundraiser in spring, if another local chocolate company can provide the service.

Poinsettias

- Everyone picked up their poinsettias, although there were some stragglers

Neufeld: book for Easter (book in Jan)

- Vanessa will book in January for Easter.
- Need to figure out pickups as it's frozen food. People forgot the Purdy/Growing smiles pickup. Lunch.net (a new system) requires a phone number when ordering, allows email reminders, an acknowledgement that the PAC is not responsible for perishables.
- Erica will try to contact Bal at Maillard (who last ran it) to see what she did.

Produce box

- People ordered and forgot to pick up again. Lucia brought them home. There were problems arranging and coordinating after-the-fact pickups. Someone who did not order a box came and picked one up. This caused a problem and we were able to procure another one for the person who'd actually ordered. It will be paid for from fundraising profits.
- A solution for forgotten pickups needs to be found. Cheryl has offered to bring them in to the office and email the people who ordered.
- Reminder that PAC executive and those running fundraisers are volunteers, work full-time, and have young kids, too.

Hockey night

- Around 50 tickets sold so far. If we sell 100 tickets, we get special pricing. Mike's going to find out whether we can just pay for those that were purchased, or if we have to buy all 100 tickets. We are close to breaking even.
- Mrs. St Arnaud & Mrs. Petersen & the Spirit Squad is going to do frisbee toss. Profits will be split 50/50 with Coquitlam Express and spirit squad.

New business

Hot lunch

- Next date will be January 19th.
- Probably Little Caesars again. Suggestion that we consider White Spot. Another school did White Spot. It was easy to run and had organized delivery: All entrees were bagged and sorted with the child's name on it, sides were sent to each class with a list for teacher to distribute. Cost was good: for an entrée, side, beverage, and dessert was \$5, and they charged \$7.

- Suggestion that people could buy and donate a hot lunch. It is very hard on the kids who don't get it. Possible issue could be how to choose what the child would want. Lunch.net allows manually adding items so it could be a straight donation. For pizza, cheese would be the safest option. Cheryl and Shannon could manage and distribute.

Hot dog day

- If it's a possibility, we could ensure everyone has a hotdog. Would we be able to use the kitchen? Cheryl indicated it's the distribution that could be the issue. If we're being safe, potential for spring. Vanessa, Patricia, Lucia, and Jill all have foodsafe.

Valentine's lunch

- Could we do it on Monday? Yes.

Social media

- Cheryl tries to insure she posts on Instagram and Twitter regularly. Many followers on Instagram, but only about 9 on Twitter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Next meeting will be on January 12, 2021.